Tuition, Fees, and Residency

Cost of an Academic Year’s Work

The WVU Financial Aid Office provides an estimate of the total cost of attendance for an academic year at financialaid.wvu.edu/tuition-cost-information/cost-of-attendance. This estimate includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, off-campus room and board, transportation, and personal expenses in amounts designed to provide a modest, but adequate, lifestyle for students. Many students attending WVU obtain graduate assistantships offered by academic and non-academic units across campus. In addition to a waiver of University tuition, graduate assistantships also provide stipends that range in value according to the college, program, or work to be undertaken. Information about graduate assistantships is available at grad.wvu.edu.

Residency Classification

Residency policy is established by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission Series 25, which is posted at admissions.wvu.edu/admissions/residency/hep-25. The WVU Office of Admissions assigns students a residency classification for admission, tuition, and fee purposes. Students who are legal residents of West Virginia pay “resident” tuition and fees at WVU; students who are residents of other states and nations pay “non-resident” tuition and fees. Further information on residency classification is at admissions.wvu.edu/admissions/residency.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fee structures vary by residency classification and academic program at WVU. Current tuition and fee costs can be found at financialservices.wvu.edu. Students are charged for University tuition, College/School tuition, and University fees; in some cases, students are charged different rates for Extended Learning courses or programs.

Tuition and Fee Regulations

All West Virginia University tuition and fees are subject to change without notice. All tuition and fees are payable to the Office of Student Accounts prior to the first day of each term. Exceptions and late fee charges are explained at studentaccounts.wvu.edu/billing/late_fee_policy. Arrangements can be made with the Office of Student Accounts for payment from officially accepted scholarships, loan funds, grants, or contracts. Students holding graduate assistantships normally are provided with a waiver of University tuition but must pay College/School tuition and University fees. Students holding fellowships may receive waivers or scholarships to cover tuition and fees according to the provisions of the fellowship. Waivers and scholarships will be applied to students’ accounts. Students can review their charges, waivers, scholarships, and payments online through the STAR Information System, which can be accessed from MIX at www.mix.wvu.edu. Payments can also be made from the same website.

WVU places restrictions on students who have outstanding debts to the University. The restriction may include, but is not limited to, the withholding of a student’s registration, diploma, or transcript. No degree is conferred and no transcripts are issued to any student before payment is made of all tuition, fees, and other indebtedness to any unit of the University.

Refund of Tuition and Fees

Current information on refunds can be found at studentaccounts.wvu.edu/refunds.

Non-Sufficient Funds Check Policy

Payments of tuition, fees, and other charges by check, draft, or money order are subject to WVU’s Non-Sufficient Funds Check Policy available at adminfin.wvu.edu/policies/finance/financial-services/wvu-co-14-policy. A service charge is collected on each check returned unpaid by the bank upon which it was drawn.

Identification Card

Students registered for the current semester are eligible for an identification card (Mountaineer Card). The Mountaineer Card gives access to certain activities and privileges depending on fees assessed. Students assessed on-campus fees have free access to the Student Recreation Center, the PRT, Student Health, and athletic events, and may ride the local bus system (MountainLine) by using their ID card. On- and off-campus students have access to the WVU Libraries. Students taking Extended Learning classes may opt to pay the on-campus fees to participate in the other activities. WVU reserves the right to refuse issuance of an identification card and misuse may result in confiscation of the card. For more information about the Mountaineer Card visit www.wvu.edu/~wvucard.